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## REMARKS

Claims 3, 5-35, 37, 38 and 40-45 remain in the application.

Claims 3, 7, 12 and 13 have been amended as discussed with the Examiner. As these claims were previously indicated as allowable, the application is now in condition for allowance. In view of the amendment and the remarks below, Patentee respectfully requests allowance of all claims.

The amendments are technical and are intended to place the case in a better condition for allowance. Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 3, 7, 12 and 13 (already allowed or held allowable) are rewritten in independent form.

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Applicant by this Response does not intend to abandon any equivalents under the doctrine of equivalents for the scope of any claim element between the literal scope of the claim element and the scope of the prior art. Any element added to any claim is deemed to claim in a new application. Any amendment made to any claim is made subject to an equivalency existing between the language added and the prior art that need not be detailed here. Furthermore, any changes to the claims have been solely for the purpose of clarifying the invention as set forth in each of those claims.

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